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owned by persons having an income of Rs. 200 and over, fees are levied according to the schedule rates approved by Government."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister for Animal Husbandry whether, apart from giving treatment to animals, any other thing is expected to be done in these Veterinary Hospitals? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" Will the hon. Member explain the words ' any other thing '? "

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is it a fact that when people go to Veterinary hospitals they are asked to buy medicines which are of a costly nature and which alone have a curative effect and that only cheap drugs are supplied free? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I am unable to give a reply to the question off-hand and I must get an official report in this matter."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister how the doctor in charge of a Veterinary hospital finds out whether a person coming to the hospital has an income of less than Rs. 200 per mensem or more? Do doctors insist upon any certificates being produced? "

The Hon. Sri V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No certificate is insisted upon and generally the person's word is believed."

Veterinary Surgeons in the Community Projects area in South Kanara.

* 133 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Veterinary Surgeons were appointed in the Community Project area in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) how many of them have been provided with necessary medicines and equipment; and

(*c*) how many cases were attended to by each of them so far?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Three Veterinary Assistant Surgeons have been appointed to the South Kanara Project Area under the Community Projects Scheme and they have all been provided with the necessary medicines and equipment.

" (*c*) Till the end of September 1953 the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon at Bajpe has treated 201 non-contagious cases, castrated 25 bulls and inoculated 238 animals; the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon at Mudabidri treated 225 non-contagious cases, castrated 2 animals and inoculated 244 animals besides attending to one contagious case. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon at Hebri treated 539 non-contagious cases, performed 178 castrations and inoculated 376 animals."

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether any artificial insemination centres have been started and whether they are attended to by these Veterinary Assistant Surgeons? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

* 134 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up to-morrow."

Raising of loans by the South Arcot Market Committee on Government securities.

* 135 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state when the South Arcot Market Committee applied to the Government for sanction to raise a loan on the pledge of the Government securities in the Imperial Bank of India, Cuddalore, which the South Arcot Market Committee has invested; when it was sanctioned, and for what purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The South Arcot Market Committee requested the Government in January 1953 to permit it to sell its Government securities to the extent of Rs. 72,000 for the purchase of groundnut seeds from the Adoni area of Bellary district. Again in February 1953 another request was made by the same Committee to raise a loan of Rs. 50,000 to settle certain outstanding bills relating to the construction of buildings in the market yards of Villupuram, Vriddhachalam and Tirukoilur. In the former case, the Government in February 1953 permitted the Market Committee to raise a loan for Rs. 72,000 on the cover of Government securities held by it. As requested by the Market Committee, the Government in March 1953, permitted the Committee to raise another loan of Rs. 50,000 on the cover of Government securities held by it."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government will consider the feasibility of extending the jurisdiction of this Committee to Udayarpalayam taluk also? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The question relates to South Arcot Market Committee. I do not know whether the jurisdiction of this Committee can be extended to Udayarpalayam taluk. Anyhow I would like to have notice."

Lime-shell deposits in South Kanara.

* 136 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of the occurrences of lime-shell deposits in South Kanara is completed; and